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Second Preliminary Amendment

In the Claims:

Please withdraw claims 61-62. This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the applications:

1-26 (Canceled)

27-48 (Canceled)

- 49. (Previously Presented): An isolated antibody, or portion thereof, that specifically binds to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
- a) a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 95% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8, wherein said polypeptide has kinase activity;
- b) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 or 9, wherein said polypeptide has kinase activity; and
- c) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence contained in the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession number 203309.
- 50. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 49, wherein said antibody is selected from the group consisting of:
 - i) a monoclonal antibody;
 - ii) a polyclonal antibody;
 - iii) a humanized antibody;
 - iv) a chimeric antibody; and
 - v) a murine antibody.
- 51. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 49, wherein said portion is a F(ab) fragment or a F(ab')₂ fragment.

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- 52. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 49, wherein said antibody binds to amino acid residues 5-164 of SEQ ID NO:8.
- 53. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 49, wherein said antibody is detectably labeled.
- 54. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 53, wherein the detectable label is selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) enzymes;
 - b) prosthetic groups;
 - c) fluorescent materials;
 - d) luminescent materials;
 - e) bioluminescent materials; and
 - f) radioactive materials.
- 55. (Previously Presented): An isolated antibody, or portion thereof, that specifically binds to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8;
 - b) the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO:7 or 9; and
 - c) the polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence contained in the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession number 203309.
- 56. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 55, wherein said antibody is selected from the group consisting of:
 - i) a monoclonal antibody;
 - ii) a polyclonal antibody;
 - iii) a humanized antibody;
 - iv) a chimeric antibody; and
 - v) a murine antibody.
- 57. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 55, wherein said portion is a F(ab) fragment or a F(ab')₂ fragment.

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- 58. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 55, wherein said antibody binds to amino acid residues 5-164 of SEQ ID NO:8.
- 59. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 55, wherein said antibody is detectably labeled.
- 60. (Previously Presented): The antibody, or portion thereof, of claim 59, wherein the detectable label is selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) enzymes;
 - b) prosthetic groups;
 - c) fluorescent materials;
 - d) luminescent materials;
 - e) bioluminescent materials; and
 - f) radioactive materials.
- 61. (Withdrawn): A method for detecting the presence of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
- i) a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence which is at least 95% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8, wherein said polypeptide has kinase activity;
- ii) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7 or 9, wherein said polypeptide has kinase activity; and
- iii) a polypeptide which is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 95% identical to a nucleic acid comprising the nucleotide sequence contained in the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession number 203309;

in a sample comprising:

- a) contacting the sample with an antibody of claim 49 which selectively binds to the polypeptide; and
- b) determining whether the antibody binds to the polypeptide in the sample to thereby detect the presence of the polypeptide in the sample.

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- 62. (Withdrawn): A method for detecting the presence of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) the polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:8;
 - b) the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule of SEQ ID NO:7 or 9; and
 - c) the polypeptide encoded by the nucleotide sequence contained in the plasmid deposited with the ATCC as Accession number 203309

in a sample comprising:

- i) contacting the sample with an antibody of claim 55 which selectively binds to the polypeptide; and
- ii) determining whether the antibody binds to the polypeptide in the sample to thereby detect the presence of the polypeptide in the sample.
- 63. (Previously Presented): A kit comprising the antibody of claim 49 and instructions for use.
- 64. (Previously Presented): A kit comprising the antibody of claim 55 and instructions for use.